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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION: ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, DUBAI, UAE.

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- 11. Reftel requested that post conduct a post-shipment verification at Access Communications Systems (ACS), Dubai Internet City, Dubai, UAE for the shipment of Test Equipment (Ionizing Radiation Detectors) exported as No License Required by IXIA, Calabasa, CA. On Jan 22, 2009, Export Control Officer (ECO) met with Mr. Shahzad Sheikh, CEO, ACS. Sheikh explained that ACS specializes in Computer networking hardware and systems integration (www.acs-me.com).
- 12. Regarding this transaction Sheikh stated that the only test equipment that ACS has ordered from IXIA is for computer network testing which has nothing to do with radiation detection. IXIA only specializes in computer network related equipment and to the best of his knowledge they would have nothing to do with radiation detection equipment. Sheikh suggested the Shippers Export Declaration (SED) highlighting Ionizing Radiation Detection is a clear mistake (mis-application of the type of test equipment) made by the U.S. exporter/freight forwarder. The only equipment received by ACS from IXIA was destined for and has already been delivered to the UAE Government's Internet Service Provider, Etisalat. Sheikh readily provided ECO with copies of all relevant documentation indicating that computer network test equipment from IXIA was delivered to Etisalat vice radiation detection related equipment.
- 13. Based on the information outlined above, Post is unable to provide any clarification of the Ionizing Radiation Detector wording listed on the SED. Post recommends that an outreach visit be conducted with the U.S. exporter/freight forwarder to determine if a mistake was made during the filing of the SED. If it is determined that these IXIA items are indeed computer networking test equipment, Post would consider Access Communications Systems to be a reliable recipient of such items.

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